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About The Only Thing That Could Be Worse Than a Six Day Bike Race Would Be One For Entire Week

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One Blow Chases Two Pitchers

Checkers Put Miske Into Ring

Cohen Sues B. Kauff For \$300

By Frank G. Menke.

Did you ever hear about one pitcher-hitter who retired two pitchers with one swing of his bat?

His name is Tom Clarke, the Blue-lands pitcher. On June 13, 1916, the Reds and Braves battled to a sixteen inning scoreless tie. Tony started the game for the Cincinnati and Ruppold did likewise for the footbalists. But neither finished it because Clarke finished both of them in the twelfth.

The Reds got a man on the bag in the twelfth session and Tony Herzog, then pitching the Red shift, decided to let Clarke bat in place of Tony. That removed Tony from the battlefield. Ruppold served up a twister to Clarke and the pitcher at once wheeled it right back at Ruppold. The drive hit the bald-headed finger on his operating fin—and he went away in search of a doctor.

How Miske Became Fighter.

A game of checkers was the starting point of Billy Miske's career as a fighter. And his rise has been meteoric. A few months ago he was a comparative unknown. Today he is regarded as the logical foe for Les Dwyer.

Five years ago Miske played checkers with a chap named Harry Trenton. In some way or other they got into an argument. It was decided to settle it with fists. They got busy but the battle didn't last long. Innocent bystanders rushed in where angels might have feared to tread and stopped further bloodshed. Then, but a short while later the two resumed their battling. Once again it was draw.

"That got the peevish," related Miske. "I felt I was better than Harry. And so we kept on fighting. We mixed it ten times before I was able to really beat him up the way I wanted. And I won \$1.50—the side bet we had made."

Miske's success against Trenton caused some of his pals to tell him he had in him the making of a real pug.

"So I took some boxing lessons, got fights whenever I could—and here I

am," answers the new wonder of Oklahoma. Miske is 23. In his younger days he was a blacksmith. That's why he has such huge hands and sturdy muscles. He's 6 feet tall and weighs around 160 to 165.

Miske has taken on the best men in and beyond his district during the past three or four months. He spotted Butch Levinsky 20 pounds, fought him twice—and won. He gained the popular decision over Jack Miller, a rounder, or age, and doted out to Bob Moha one of the worst beatings that has ever been doled out since Simon Legree quit business.

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Once upon a time Louie Cohen and Benny Kauff were as chummy and loving toward each other as Damon and Pythias. But now a chasm has opened between them—a \$300 chasm.

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In the bygone days when Louie was press agent, valet, manager and many other things for the "drinking Violet" and Benny was a Fed, Louie said to Benny:

"Say, I think I can getcha a job with John McGraw."

"Bravo," Benny ejaculated. Benny. And then, according to Louie, that dear Benny added: "Louie, I agree, if you put that over 100 put \$500 right in your Billy white hands."

And now harken again to Louie. "Well, Benny, the old stuff, here's a game new suit for you. He gave me \$200 of that \$500. But he ain't given me the rest. Last spring when he went south he told me he'd pass over the \$300 as soon as he got back. When he returned he refused to speak to me. And that's why I've filed suit against him for \$300. And you can take it from me, I'll collect or I'll be a scandal. Yes, I'm a scandal!"

Meanwhile, Benny is spending the winter attempting to manage two fighters and seemingly happy despite the loss of Louie's affection and the possible loss of \$300.

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Where once it T. B. through the air A Niblick sweeps in play. Where once it hampered, full and fair. A Mid-Iron cleaves the way. Where once beadle the Kingly Chair. It waited sudden tests. Alone, within the corner there. A Glove-neck Putter rests.

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If the Dancers Are Too Crowded to Move, Why Not Have a Moving Floor?



The SPORTLIGHT

by Grantland Rice

Charged Dynasties. The president took advantage of weather to get in his round of golf.

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plication of any outside matter to the cover.

2. Eliminate one of the foul strikes.

3. Have a stricter balk interpretation rigidly enforced.

The changes call for no vital upsets and they would, of an absolute surety, be a big advance in the proper direction.

Bali Players and Golf. It is simple enough to understand why so many ball players take so kindly to golf. There is nothing in his own game that appeals to a ball player as hitting—taking a good, husky wallop.

But, whereas a baseball smash that travels 140 yards is a corker, a good golf shot will travel from 250 to 300 yards—over double the distance.

We have noticed frequently that the most appealing shot in golf to most ball players is a good long carry over some trap. This seems to have the same appeal that hitting one over the fence has in baseball. In rarely does a ball player in golf play one safe. If there is any chance, even an outside one only to make the carry, he steps up to give the ball a ride in his own game.

One day, after topping his drive on the 420 yard 16th hole at Englewood carry the deep bunker guarding the green when he was fully 240 yards away. It looked to be the most foolish possible chance, but he took it and made good by putting everything he had into the smash that followed.

"Dares waiting for Carpenter?" What for, Miske, Levinsky and Dillon still in reaching distance?

Yes, What?

Sir, Vernon Castle dance leaves to join the colors. Les Dwyer, prize fighter, ships out to evade enthrallment. Whaddya mean "manly art"?

HICKY.

If the Australian feels that Miske or Levinsky especially can't slip him a worthy evening's entertainment, we have a sharp, ingrowing hunch that he will be more than a trifle surprised about the seventh round.

Then again it might mean this, as one sporting philosopher put it: "The art of self-defense—100 yards in ten seconds."

E. R. F. You collect. Both Jennings and Moran won pennants their first seasons out under the Big Tent—Jennings in 1907 and Moran in 1915.

President Johnson, of the American League in Chicago, replied to strike threats of the Baseball Players' fraternity in a statement in which he said that David Fultz, president of the fraternity, would be driven out of baseball; that the fraternity will be crushed out and that every player in the American league will be obliged to sign a contract before going to the spring training camps.

Billy Miske of St. Paul, outpointed Charlie Weiner, Newark, in a ten-round bout in New York, while Roy Moore, Minneapolis, won a technical knockout over Jack Douglas, Denver, in the ninth round at Minneapolis, when Douglas' seconds threw in the sponge, in Minneapolis.

At Butte, Mont., Pat Conolly, Butte, and Yusuf Hussein of Pennsylvania, wrestled two and one-half hours without a fall.

Cancellation of the football game scheduled for October 27, between the University of Nebraska and the Michigan Agricultural college, was announced.

J. E. Jones, Providence, R. I., won the singles championship in the mid-winter tennis tournament in Pinehurst, N. C., defeating Howard Cordes, Cincinnati, in three straight sets.

City Series Interest Wanes. CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Interest in city series competition is fast drifting into oblivion and fans are predicting that the time is not far distant when the spring and fall clashes between the Cubs and White Sox will be abolished. Last fall President Comiskey was on the verge of refusing to play the Cubs and it would be no surprise if the series were not played at the end of next season. Chicago fans probably wouldn't care.

Unpaid telephone bills for the month of January are past due. If not paid by 5 p. m. of the 15th service will be discontinued. Pioneer Tel. & Tel. Co., Adv.

Accidental Champions in Boxing Game

Many; Deserving Lads Sometimes Fail

In nearly every period of pugilism there have been boxers as good or better than the title holders of their time, and who never achieved a championship.

One of the oddest battles which made an accidental champ was that in San Francisco twenty-seven years ago today, Jan. 17, 1889, when Australian Billy Murphy took the featherweight crown from the Weir. It was so much better than Billy that he sought to show his devotion for his foe by doing a back flip in the fourteenth round. The "Spider" had scarcely landed on his paws after the stunt when Murphy took advantage of an opening to land his celebrated "Mary Ann," and he took a nap that cost him the world's featherweight title. Billy was a good man, but not good enough to be a champ when the woods were full of great featherweights and he soon lost his accidental honors to Young Griffo. Dave Sullivan was also an accidental featherweight champion for a brief time for a time after Jeff Sefton, who because the latter broke his arm.

"To settle an argument," writes Fultz, "I saw Charlie Chaplin curvy a custard pie." Undoubtedly. We have seen him hit one person in three different places with one peg.

Going back a distance, John Morrissey, one of the early American heavyweight champions, won that honor on a technicality after Heenan had had all the better of a battle fought in Canada in 1858. Mike McCoole was another heavyweight fighter who, upon a questionable foul, referee having been forced by a St. Louis mob to give the big Irishman the decision over Tom Allen, who had made a chopping block of Mike. Joe Foss also won the title on a foul. Marvin Hart, who claimed to be heavyweight champ for a time after Jeff Sefton, was another "accidental champion."

In the middleweight division George La Rance became an accidental champ in 1889, knocking Dempsey out, who the great blow, after the "Nonpareil" had given him a thorough drubbing. Ruble Ferns, who won the welterweight title from Max Baer, was purely an accident, having won on a foul from Joe Walcott. Arthur Chambers won the lightweight title from Billy Edwards in a bout pulled off in Canada in 1872 by having one of his seconds bite him on the shoulder.

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Horseshoe Pitching Rivals Baseball With Santo Domingo Bugs

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 13.—Pitching horseshoes bids fair to rival baseball among the natives of Santo Domingo, who have taken to this ancient sport with enthusiasm, according to United States missionaries, who have just returned from the island republic. Horseshoe pitching is a daily habit and the keenest rivalry exists among the leaders, who, following the custom of Uncle Sam's proteges everywhere, take readily to all American games, introduced by the "soldiers of the sea."

The Dominicans have developed many promising devotees to the national game, but the majority of the natives prefer the more leisurely pastime of making "dead ringers" beneath the palms to running the bases under a tropical sun.

Rivers to Meet Moran. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 13.—Joe Rivers and Vic Moran today concluded the work of preparation for their twenty-round bout which is slated to take place before one of the local clubs Monday night. According to agreement the two fighters will weigh in at 134 and 136 pounds. They are regarded as evenly matched and the local fight fans are looking forward to a lively action when they come together in the squared circle.

Taberski Retains Billiard Title

JEFFERSON, Pa., Jan. 13.—Frank Taberski successfully defended his title as world's champion pocket billiard player in his match with F. Maturo here last night. The final score being Taberski 150 and Maturo 120, the former making 150 and the latter 151 points in the final block.

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Jennings Dickers For Dutch Leonard

DETROIT, Jan. 13.—"Dutch" Leonard of the champion Fed Sox may wear a Detroit uniform this year. He will it. Manager Hugh Jennings has his way about it. Nobody realizes more than this sorrel-topped leader that the Tigers lost out last season, and season before that, through weakness on the pitching mound.

For years he has been trying to remedy this condition, but with little success. When Jennings took charge of the Detroit team ten years ago he had some great pitchers, Donovan, Mullin, Killian, Summers. With them he won three pennants in a row, but since these mighty men of old have departed he has never been able to land on top, though he has managed to finish well up nearly every season.

Since then he has secured by draft or purchase many men, some of whom, like Dubuc, Daus and Coveleskie, have been excellent performers, but he has never been able to gather together anything like the formidable array which was his during his first year as manager.

Jennings is determined to remedy this condition if there is any possible way of doing so. He is in the market to buy and all American league pitchers from Walter Johnson and Babe Ruth down. Hitters and fielders he has aplenty, but he has got to get some pitchers if he wants to capture the 1917 gonfalon, and, incidentally, prevent the Red Sox from tying the American league record for his consecutive flag wins, which is now his.

Two Army Football Games This Month

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 13.—Official announcement was made last night at department headquarters calling attention to the fact that two football games are scheduled by the national guardmen for this month.

The first will be played at Austin, Tuesday, January 16, between the regulars, a picked team from several regiments at Camp Wilson, San Antonio, and the second Texas infantry, stationed at Corpus Christi.

The second game will be played in San Antonio between the Second Texas infantry and the First New York cavalry, stationed at McAllen, Saturday, January 20. The Second Texas has never been defeated and this season has made aggregate score of 202 points, against nothing for its opponents.

Jones Prepares for Grand Circuit Season. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 13.—Frank G. Jones, the millionaire horseman of Memphis, is getting his stable of Grand circuit performers ready for the 1917 campaign. Jones owns four of the fastest horses in the country. Anvil (2:03 1/4), Doodle Archdale (2:03 1/4), Elway (2:03 1/4) and St. Frisco (2:03 1/4).

These flares have won a large number of rich stakes for the Jones stable. Doodle Archdale, which campaigned for several seasons, won \$47,438. Elway has pulled down \$33,598.75. St. Frisco won \$23,455 last season and Anvil landed \$19,500.

The people that have the best time go to Dreamland six nights a week and Saturday afternoon, and they all go to Belle Isle on Sunday night where the best people have a good time. Good service, both on cars and by the management. And if you want to learn to dance, see T. A. HOOVER Proprietor and Instructor

Oklahoma University Grid Dates For 1917

September 22—Central State Normal at Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma City.

September 29—Kingfisher college at Norman.

October 6—Phillips University at Norman.

October 13—University of Illinois at Urbana.

October 20—University of Texas at Dallas State Fair.

October 27—University of Missouri at Columbia.

November 3—University of Kansas at Norman.

November 10—Kansas A. & M. or Kendall at Norman.

November 17—University of Arkansas at Fort Smith.

November 24—Kansas A. & M. or Kendall at Norman.

November 31—Oklahoma A. & M. at Oklahoma City.

Boxing

Billy Miske outpointed Charlie Weiner in ten rounds in New York last night.

Benny McNeill will meet Kid Williams in Kansas City, January 23.

Mike Gibbons has announced that he has called off his bout with Knockout Brown, scheduled to take place in New Orleans on February 16. Gibbons said that he had been refused the money he was guaranteed.

Tommy Gibbons had turned down the offer of Baltimore promoters to meet Billy Miske in a Baltimore ring in the near future. N.Y. promoters are said to be anxious to put on the mill.

Oklahoma high school was far too strong for the Elmd quilled, winning 25 to 15 in the high school gymnasium last night. The same teams play again tonight.

The University of Oklahoma received its most severe basketball training in history yesterday afternoon when the Aggies defeated the Sooners at Stillwater, 58 to 11.

Blackwell high school got a flying start in the northern Oklahoma basketball league race by smothering Perry, 53 to 13.

The Northwestern Rangers met one of their few reversals last night when they lost to the Willamette team in Oregon, 17 to 15.

If Carl Sawyer of the Nationals makes good on his thirty-day trial with a moving picture company in Los Angeles, Nick Altrock may have to toe the burden of the Griffiths' comedy all by himself next season. Sawyer has been tendered a month's trial with the understanding that success will mean far more money than the Washington club can pay a substitute infielder.

George Stovall Will Manage Vernon Team

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 13.—George Stovall, who played with the Toledo team of the American association last season, has been named acting manager of the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast league. It was announced here today. Stovall will be appointed manager permanently when he obtains his release from Toledo.